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Scholarships Available for Spouses of Wounded or Fallen Service Members

Applications accepted online through January 31

ALEXANDRIA, VA January 8, 2010 — The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for its Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship Program for spouses of wounded or fallen service members. Scholarships are awarded to military spouses to obtain professional certification or to attend post secondary or graduate school. Thanks to a partnership with the Fisher House Foundation, Folds of Honor Foundation, and BAE Systems, the Association is able to provide scholarships to a larger number of deserving military spouses.

Applications will only be accepted online at www.militaryfamily.org/scholarships and must be submitted by midnight January 31, 2010. Spouses of uniformed service members (active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retirees, and survivors) of any branch or rank are eligible to apply. The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, and school room and board.

The National Military Family Association recognizes that spouses of wounded service members and surviving spouses experience unique challenges. Family dynamics change and often the spouse becomes the primary wage earner for the family. This scholarship fund was created to help spouses support their family by completing their career and educational goals. Eligible spouses are encouraged to apply today.

Additional military spouse education resources and information is available on our website. The website also features sections especially for spouses of wounded service members and surviving spouses.

About the National Military Family Association

Military families serve our country with pride, honor, and quiet dedication. The National Military Family Association is the leading nonprofit organization committed to strengthening and protecting the families of the men and women currently serving, retired, wounded or fallen. We provide families of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and NOAA with information, work to get them the benefits they deserve, and offer programs that improve their lives. Our 40 years of service and accomplishments have made us a trusted resource for military families and the Nation's leaders. To learn more, visit www.militaryfamily.org.